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# STORYTELLER



March 2018

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## NCSEA Members in the News

[Fifth Third Signs Power Purchase Agreement to Achieve 100 Percent Renewable Power](#)

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[Critics say Duke Energy's \\$13 billion grid plan isn't worth the price tag](#)

[Renewable energy focus of Currituck Chamber meet](#)

[Sunrun Keeps Growing, While Prepping for a Whole New Grid Services Business](#)

## **Clean Energy in Your Community:**

### **Fifth Third Bancorp Becomes First Fortune 500 Company to Contract for 100% Renewable Power Through a Single Project**

[Fifth Third Bancorp](#) signed a power purchase agreement to achieve 100 percent renewable power through a single project. With this



**FIFTH THIRD BANK**

action, they have not only become the first Fortune 500 company to do so, but they have become the first publicly-traded company to commit to purchasing their 100 percent renewable energy exclusively through solar power.

This power purchase agreement not only demonstrates a clear commitment to clean energy, but a clear commitment to North Carolina's economy: the new 80 MW solar project will be constructed in Hertford County, NC. During construction, the project will employ approximately 1,000 people and will generate approximately 194,000 MWh/year of electricity.

"This innovative project will reduce Fifth Third's carbon footprint and benefit the communities we serve. In addition, this project is expected to increase earnings, demonstrating that companies can do well by doing good," says Fifth Third Bancorp chairman, president, and CEO Greg Carmichael.

Please view the full press release [here](#).

**Veteran-Owned Company Working Hard to Secure NC's Clean**

## Energy Future

Charlotte-based [Mabon Energy](#) is a Veteran-owned renewable energy services company that provides construction management and development services for clean energy projects. Their team also provides warranty and independent commissioning services for utility scale and commercial and industrial solar installations and has successfully delivered over 420 MW of renewable energy projects ranging in size from 100 kW rooftop installations to 100 MW utility scale solar farms.



Built on honesty, integrity, and the ideal of “reap what you sow,” Mabon Energy is a passionate champion of energy independence, and believes the success of the country requires the integration of renewable and resilient energy assets.

## Are You a Big Fan of Wind?

The first wind project in North Carolina has demonstrated that wind energy is a huge boon to NC. The Amazon Wind Farm US East, located in the Eastern NC counties of Pasquotank and Perquimans, is:



- A reliable income for landowners
- A job creator: up to 500 jobs created during construction
- A revenue generator: \$640K in property tax revenue is going directly to the local communities
- An independent source of power: harnessed in the USA, for North Carolina
- Compatible with the military and the environment: projects are approved by the FAA and the military



Learn more about how wind energy is helping farmers in NC stay profitable.



NC Wind Moratorium - Town Impact from [Southeastern Wind Coalition](#) on [Vimeo](#).

If, like us, you are a fan of wind: we want to hear from you! Share your wind success stories on social media using the hashtag [#bigfansofwind](#).

## Tips and Facts from an Expert:

### Energy Saving Tips for Laundry Day

It is a fact of life that everyone has to do laundry. While we cannot help you eliminate your laundry duties, we can help you conserve energy, and lower your bills, in the process.

The Minnesota Commerce Department suggests the following tips to conserve energy while doing laundry:



- Wash your clothes with cold water

- Only wash a full load
- Air dry your clothes when you can, but when you must use the dryer make sure it is not too full
- Clean the lint filter in your dryer frequently
- Use the dryer's lower heat settings

For more energy saving tips, view the original article [here](#).

## Thank you to our new and returning members

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